

MINUTES
EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, August 9, 2022

City Council Chamber

4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Council President Weld called the meeting to order. The following Council Members were present: Emily Anderson, Emily Berge, Jill Christopherson, Kate Felton, Jeremy Gragert, Charles Johnson, Roderick Jones, Larry Mboga and Terry Weld. The following Council Members were absent: Joshua Miller and Andrew Werthmann.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda for the following items of routine business on Tuesday, August 9, 2022:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the July 26, 2022 Council Legislative Session.
- Authorizing Downtown Eau Claire, Inc. to conduct A Grand Evening on the Bridge on Wednesday, August 17, 2022 on the Grand Avenue Bridge.
- Authorizing the City of Eau Claire Community Services Department to conduct the Clearwater Winter Parade on Friday, December 2, 2022 at Owen Park and along Grand Avenue and First Avenue in Eau Claire.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Granting the renewal of bartender licenses for the 2022-2024 licensing period.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage and Temporary Class B Wine license to Downtown Eau Claire Inc., President, Disa Wahlstrand, 203 S. Farwell Street, on August 17, 2022, for the Grand Evening on the Bridge event.
- Granting a Class B Fermented Malt Beverage and Class C Wine license to Jazzy Flowers LLC, d/b/a The Good Wives, 2161 Eastridge Center, Emily T. Rieck, agent.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the consent resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

APPOINTMENTS

The City Council considered a resolution approving appointments and reappointments to various Boards, Commissions and Committees. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Felton and seconded by Council Member Anderson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution approving the Advisory Committee on Appointments 2022 Work Plan. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

AGREEMENT

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a purchase and development agreement with Merge, LLC for property in the North Barstow Redevelopment District. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Mboga and seconded by Council Member Johnson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

“THE CURRENT” DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing an Amendment to the Development and Purchase Agreement with W Capital Group for the project at Oxford Avenue and Cameron Street known as “The Current”. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution granting a temporary encroachment at 1700 Oxford Avenue for a street and sidewalk closure on Oxford Avenue, 1700 Oxford Avenue to 1800 Oxford Avenue, adjacent to The Current Phase 2 construction site. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Felton and seconded by Council Member Anderson “to adopt the resolution.” Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to postpone” to the August 23, 2022 City Council meeting. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Department of Administration to accept \$1 million in grant funding from the Neighborhood Investment Grant program in support of a proposed low-income housing tax credit project in the Cannery District located at 1700 Oxford Avenue. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a subrecipient agreement with Cinnaire governing the disbursement of \$1 million in funding from the Neighborhood Investment Fund grant award from the Department of Administration in support of a low- income housing tax credit project located at 1700 Oxford Avenue. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Mboga and seconded by Council Member Johnson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

SOJOURNER HOUSE

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Department of Administration to accept \$1.5 million in grant funding from the Neighborhood Investment Grant program in support of a proposed expansion/renovation of the Sojourner House located at 618 S. Barstow Street. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a subrecipient agreement with Catholic Charities governing the disbursement of \$1.5 million in funding from the Neighborhood Investment Fund grant award from the Department of Administration in support of an expansion/renovation of the Sojourner House located at 618 S. Barstow Street. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Felton and seconded by Council Member Anderson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC ART

The City Council considered a resolution granting a public art permit allowing Randall Smith to complete and maintain a street painting at the corner of Franklin and Fay Streets. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

LIBRARY LOAN

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City of Eau Claire to apply for a loan not to exceed \$2,000,000 from the Trust Funds of the State of Wisconsin for gap financing for the L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library remodel project. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Mboga and seconded by Council Member Johnson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

BONDS

The City Council considered an initial resolution authorizing \$3,245,000 General Obligation Bonds for Water System Projects. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered an initial resolution authorizing \$915,000 General Obligation Bonds for Sewerage Projects. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Felton and seconded by Council Member Anderson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered an initial resolution authorizing \$2,310,000 General Obligation Bonds for Fire Station Projects. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Felton and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered an initial resolution authorizing \$730,000 General Obligation Bonds for Equipment of the Fire Department. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Mboga and seconded by Council Member Johnson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered an initial resolution authorizing \$4,365,000 General Obligation Bonds for Street Improvement Projects. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered an initial resolution authorizing \$2,435,000 General Obligation Bonds for Library Projects. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Felton and seconded by Council Member Anderson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered an initial resolution authorizing \$9,855,000 General Obligation Bonds for Community Development Projects in Tax Incremental Districts. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered an initial resolution authorizing \$6,805,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Mboga and seconded by Council Member Johnson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution directing Publication of Notice to Electors Relating to Bond Issues. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution providing for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$18,185,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Felton and seconded by Council Member Anderson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution providing for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$12,475,000 Taxable General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution providing for the Sale of Approximately \$3,095,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Mboga and seconded by Council Member Johnson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

TIMBER BLUFF III

The City Council considered a resolution approving the final plat for Timber Bluff III located south of Old Town Hall Road and west of Graff Road (File P-7-22). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a development agreement with Wurzer Builders, Inc., for street and utility improvements within the Plat of Timber Bluff III. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Felton and seconded by Council Member Anderson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Anderson, Berge, Christopherson, Felton, Gragert, Johnson, Mboga and Weld. Nay: Council Member Jones.

FINAL PLAT

The City Council considered a resolution approving the final plat for Timber Bluff Senior Condos located south of Old Town Hall Road and west of Graff Road (File P-10-22). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

PARKING

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance amending Title 10 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” and Tables section related to Parking Restrictions, Enforcement, and Meter Changes.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: August 9, 2022

Time: 5:56 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Terry L. Weld
Council President

/s/ Carrie L. Riepl
City Clerk